

First, I would like to thank the committee for taking the time to look over this proposal, which is essential to many. Smoke bombs, flairs, and other smoke-related effects can be used as a tool, as long as they are used properly. These effects are non-hazardous, especially when used by the correct people who have obtained proper training.

While I can not speak to the photographic and video graphics aspects of these special effects, I feel I am qualified as a supporter of soccer and the culture around it. For decades upon decades, the smoke has been a critical part of the culture of so many soccer teams. For many, sports is just as much about entertainment as it is about on-field performance. One of the most important aspects of entertainment is the culture of support for soccer teams. If the most passionate fans are allowed to display their feelings, it will increase the support from other, more general spectators, and make the culture more entertaining.

It is important to emphasize that there may be a public safety problem with using smoke. However, there are many ways around this. All parties involved in the usage of these special effects should require some sort of parameters to keep the environment safe. I know that the parties who are pushing for this bill are indeed willing to go the extra mile to obtain any measures that may be necessary in order to maintain the safety of the public, which should be the most important goal. I would like to reiterate my support for this bill and recommend that it is approved to continue to go through the needed process.